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SUBJ: LIKELY GOC HUMAN RIGHTS STAND IN OASGA

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1. CHILE ALMOST CERTAINLY HOPES THAT HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE WILL BE DOWNPLAYED AT FORTHCOMING OASGA. THE GOC SEES ITS LONG (SELF-INFLICTED) PRE-EMINENCE AS A HUMAN RIGHTS OFFENDER BEING OVERTAKEN BY A COMBINATION OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MORE SERIOUS CURRENT ABUSES ELSEWHERE. IT HAS NO DESIRE TO STIR UP OLD RHETORIC, AND WOULD DERIVE NO SATISFACTION FROM CONDEMNATION OF FELLOW LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY REGIMES WHO NOW HAVE WORSE RECORDS.

2. THE GOC SHARES SOME OF THE VIEWS ON US AND INTERNATIONAL ORGAN-IZATION INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS EXPRESSED BY PARAGUAY AND EL SALVADOR AMBASSADORS (REFTEL). IT DOES HOWEVER CONFIDENTIAL

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RECOGNIZE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO LOOK INTO VIOLATIONS OF BASIC RIGHTS OF THE PERSON (BUT NOT NECESSARILY POLITICAL OR SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS), WHILE INSISTING THAT INVESTIGATIONS BY THE UNHRC OR IAHRC MUST PROVIDE FOR FULL PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS. AT A TIME WHEN THE US REP TO THE UNHRC, EDWARD MEZVINSKY, IS PROVIDING HIS GOOD OFFICES IN AN EFFORT

TO FACILITATE A VISIT TO CHILE BY THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CHILE, THE GOC IS UNLIKELY TO ATTACK EITHER THE USG OR INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS GRATUITOUSLY.

3. THERE REMAINS THE PROBLEM OF MILITARY REGIME SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF ATTACKS FROM VENEZUELA OR ELSWHERE. OUR GUESS IS THAT CHILE WILL BE PRESENT AND COUNTED (AGAINST THE ANGELS) IF A FULL-SCALE DEBATE GETS GOING, BUT IT WILL NOT BE IN THE FRONT RANK. LANDAU

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